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This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action of January 21, 2005. Applicant hereby elects species IA for substantive examination and notes that claims 50-52 and 55-58 read on the elected species.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above claims represent allowable subject matter. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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